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Re: MCPA Letter of Support for House File 3658, as amended.

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA), representing over 300 police chiefs and hundreds of command staff from police agencies across the State of Minnesota, we write in support of House File 3658, as amended.

The MCPA appreciates Representative Frazier bringing this bill forward for some much needed improvements. Specifically, we appreciate the changes to the following sections:

- 1) **Section 2, Lines 3.23-3.24.** This change requires judges to consider a petition for emergency relief. This solves the reoccurring issue of afterhours or on weekends when an emergency petition is not acted on in a timely manner.
- 2) **Section 7, Lines 10.2-10.5.** This change relieves a law enforcement agency from the financial obligation to compensate a respondent at fair market value for permanently transferring their firearms to a law enforcement agency.
- 3) **A1 Amendment.** The amendment allows for orders issued after a hearing to be served electronically or by first class mail, rather than personally.

The MCPA respectfully requests the Legislature to address Section 7, Lines 9.23-9.27. Upon issuance of an extreme risk protection order, the law currently provides the respondent with up to 24 hours to transfer firearms to law enforcement or to a federally licensed firearms dealer. This section is problematic for law enforcement in that it requires the law enforcement agency to return to the respondent after the 24-hour period to dispossess any firearms. In order to protect the safety of household members, respondents, and officers we request the law be changed to allow for firearms to be transferred upon issuance of the order without the 24-hour delay.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue and the changes included in this bill. We look forward to continuing to collaborate on this area of the law that we look to seek additional changes to promote public safety in all communities.

Respectfully,

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